

Homestead, Penang, Malaysia 22 March - 14 April 2024





Palai Penang is the third edition of Palai, an itinerant exhibition organised by Paris based Galerie Balice Hertling to present international contemporary artworks in heritage homes. The first two editions of Palai were held in a historic palazzo in the center of Lecce, Italy. Blank Canvas, a non-profit art space in Penang, Malaysia, is delighted to collaborate with Galerie Balice Hertling to present Palai Penang in Malaysia, the first edition of Palai in Asia.

The word "palai" means "palace" in the Apulian dialect of the Griko people, an ethnic Greek community in southern Italy. Its etymological origin lies in the Latin palātum or palate, which refers to the origin of taste and judgment. And it is not surprising that the word "palace" usually conjures up an immediate image of a grand space of imposing architectural features and housing precious and tasteful objects. Yet, and perhaps less immediately intuitive, a "palace" is also a residence, or a home, which then evokes the more intimate feelings of ease and relaxation as one is welcomed into the home of another.

Palai avows therefore to both awe the viewer as well as to extend a warm hand of hospitality. Palai Penang promises to build on the legacy of the earlier editions.

Palai Penang presents in one of Penang's largest and most elegant colonial mansions – Homestead. Built in 1919 and designed by architect James Stark, Homestead was acquired by the Penang businessman and philanthropist Yeap Chor Ee during the 1940s. Mr Yeap's grandson and the trustees of his estate donated Homestead to the WOU (Wawasan Open University) in 2006. Although Homestead may be a continent away from the Italian palazzo of the earlier editions of Palai, they share in common the ability to awe and impress visitors as well as, perhaps surprisingly, echoes of an Italian architectural lineage. It is both fate and serendipity that the grand neo-classical details of Homestead's architecture appear to be inspired by a sixteenth century Italian villa designed by Andrea Palladio.

Palai Penang gathers a selected group of international art galleries from East and Central Asia, the Americas and Europe into a single venue, offering access to international artists and artistic practices to local visitors in Malaysia.

At Palai Penang, the participating galleries present a diverse range of contemporary artistic practices within the environs of a classical building. These include video works, installations, collages, paintings and sculpture. Some works are ephemeral. While others, especially those of Penang-based artists Okui Lala, Chan Kok Hooi and Hoo Fan Chon, are inspired directly by, and respond poignantly to, the architecture and history of the exhibition venue.

As with the previous editions, Palai Penang seeks to inspire various conversations – between the contemporary art works presented by the participating international galleries and the historical architecture and ambiance of its venue, among the artworks themselves, between the international artists and the local artists featured and, of course, among the visitors.

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Participating Artists:

Alex Ayed Okui Lala
Chan Kok Hooi Sasaoka Yuriko
Dana DeGiulio Shabahang Tayyari

Enzo Cucchi Shi Liu Evian Wenyi Zhang Sitara Abuzar Ghaznawi

Hoo Fan Chon

Jieun Lim

Tsherin Sherpa

Julie Beaufils

Julio Linares

Wang Haining

Wang Xiaolin

Ketuta Alexi-Meskhishvili

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Michele Chu Willem de Rooij
Mastafa Sarahi

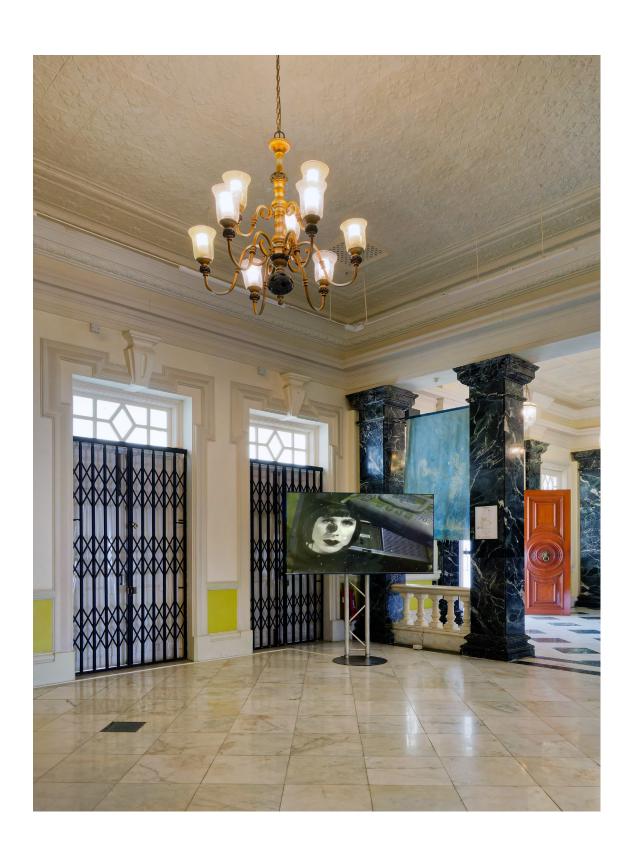
Mostafa Sarabi Won Cha Nick Bastis Zhi Wei

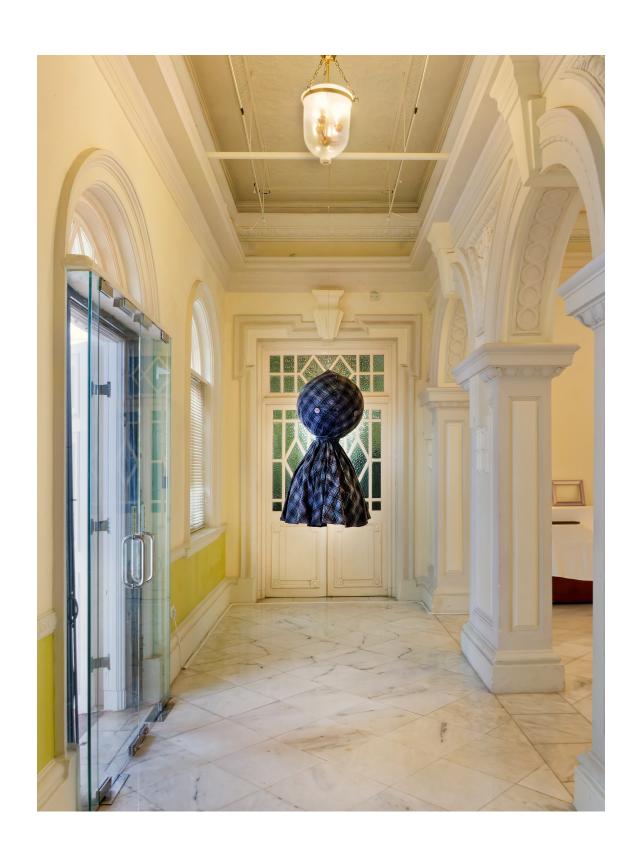








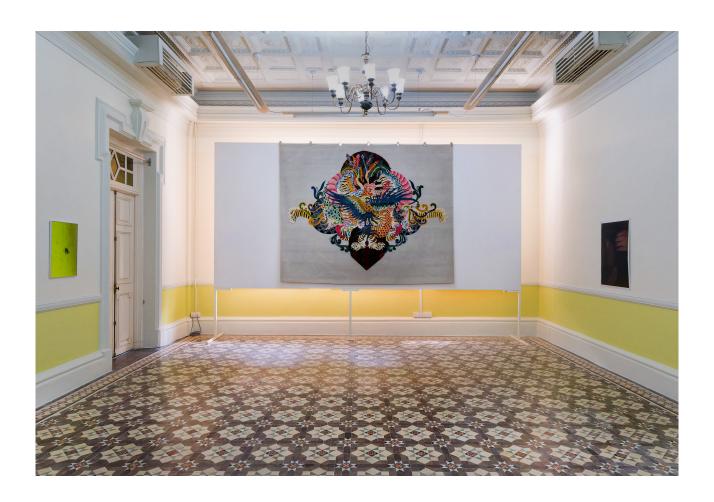






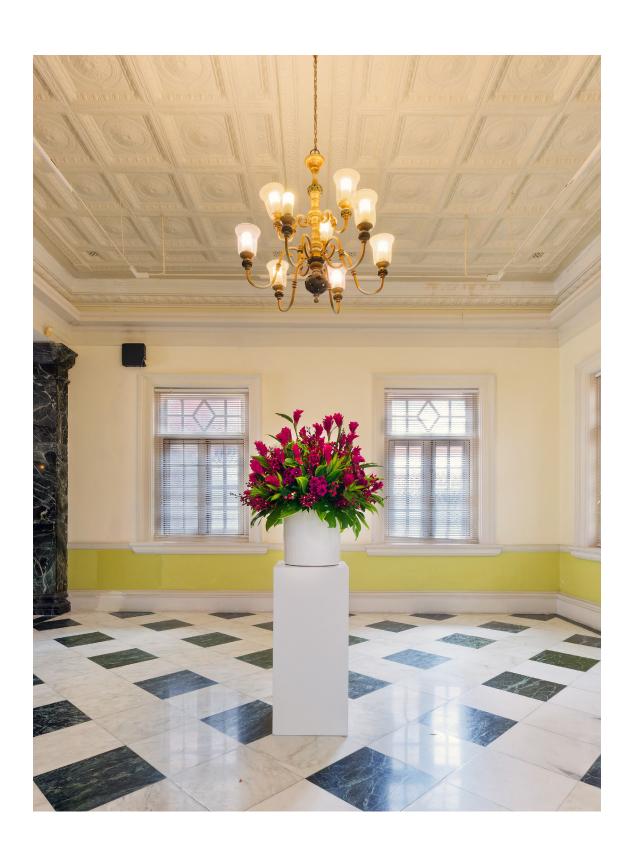


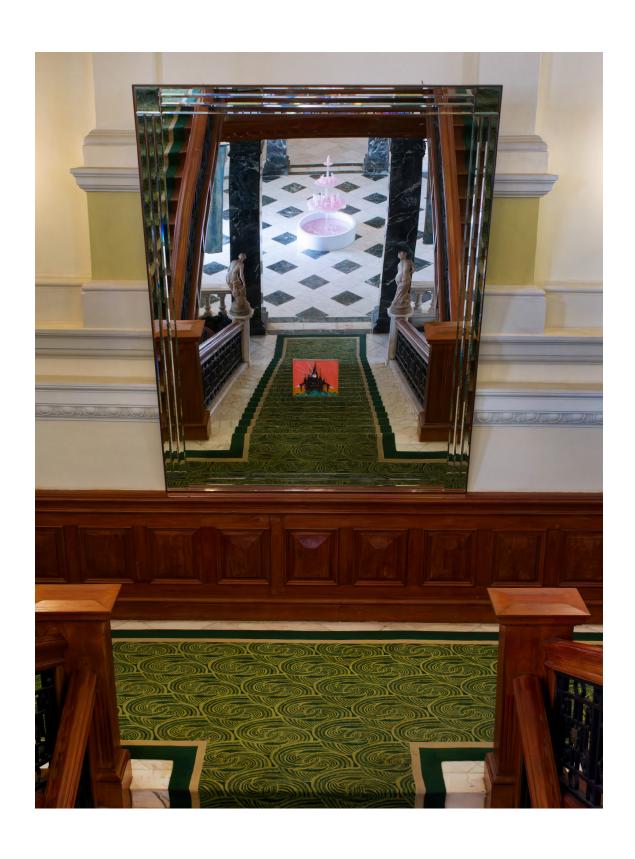


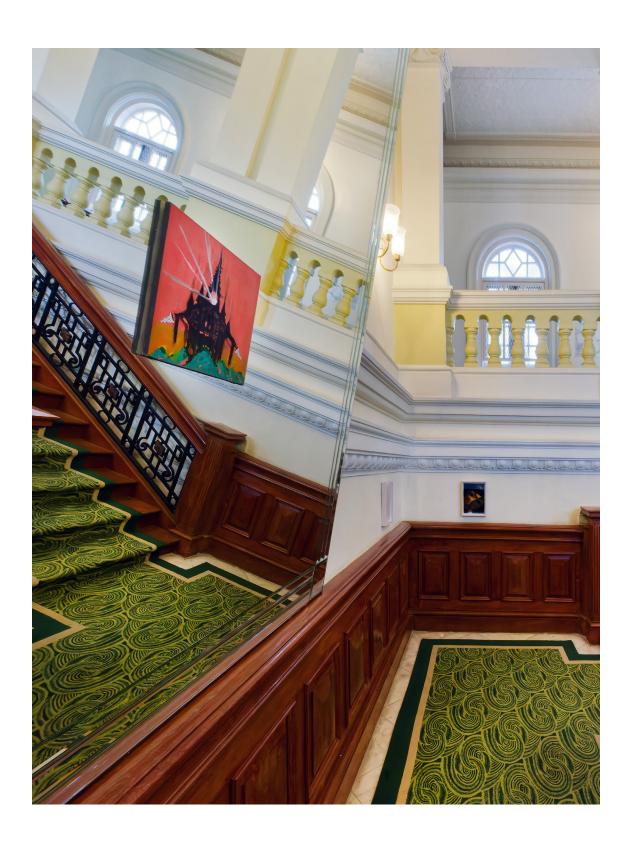


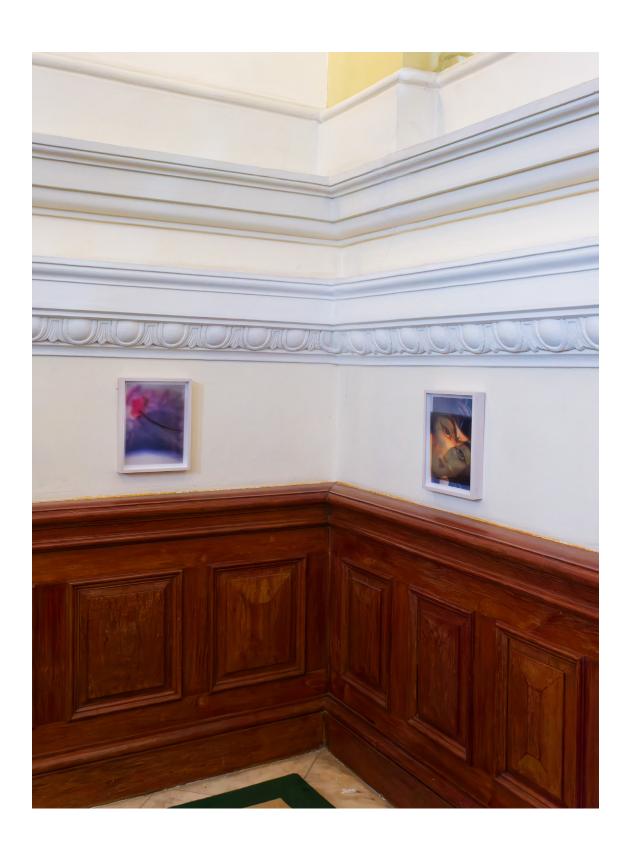


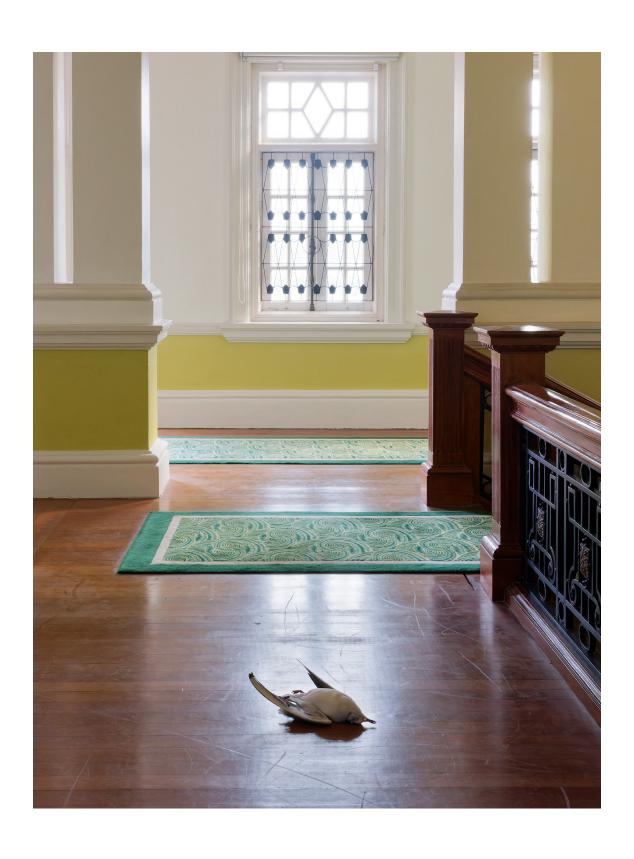






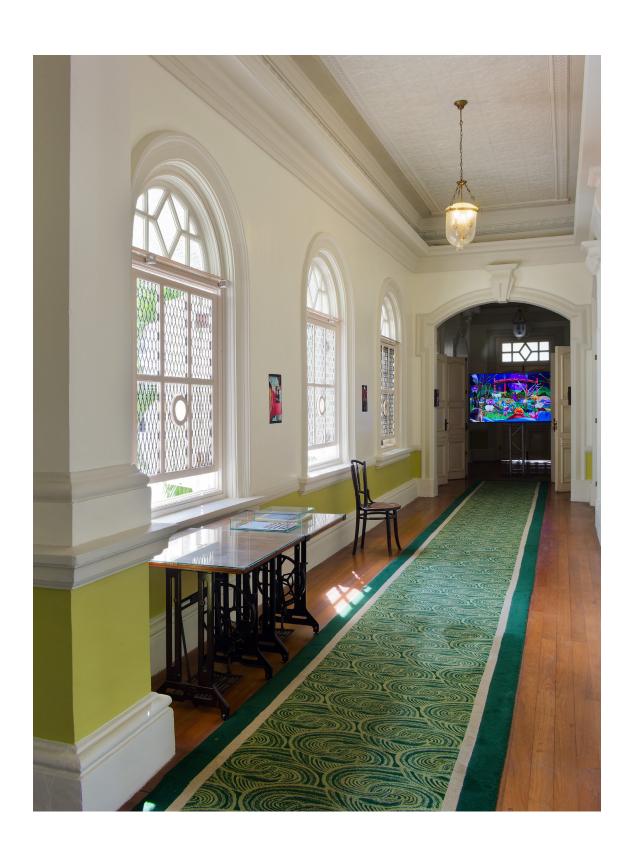


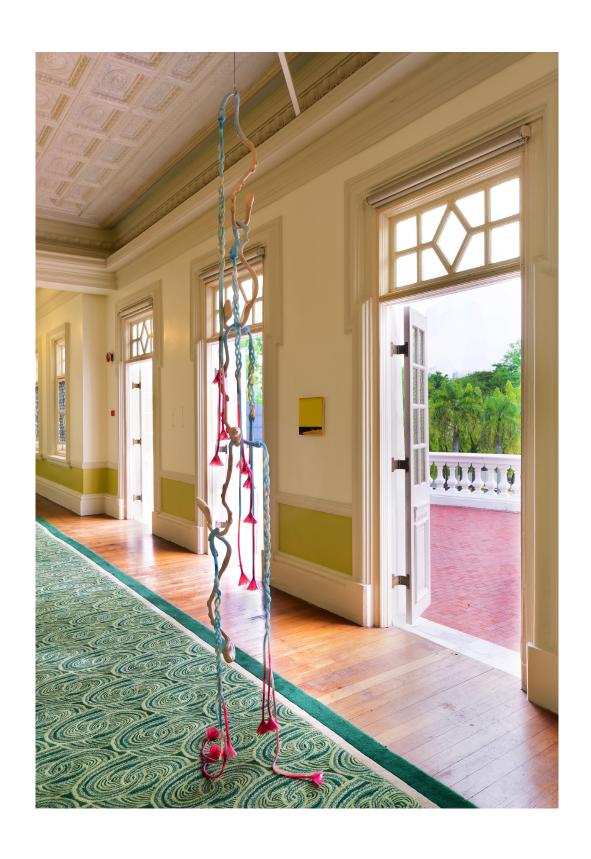


















ARTWORKS





The Painting: Sweeter than Words, 2023
Acrylic on the palette for 'The Painting:
A Quiet Play'; wooden frame
44 x 49 cm

For inquiries:





*The Painting: A Quiet Play, 2023*Acrylic on wooden frame 32 x 39.5 cm

For inquiries:

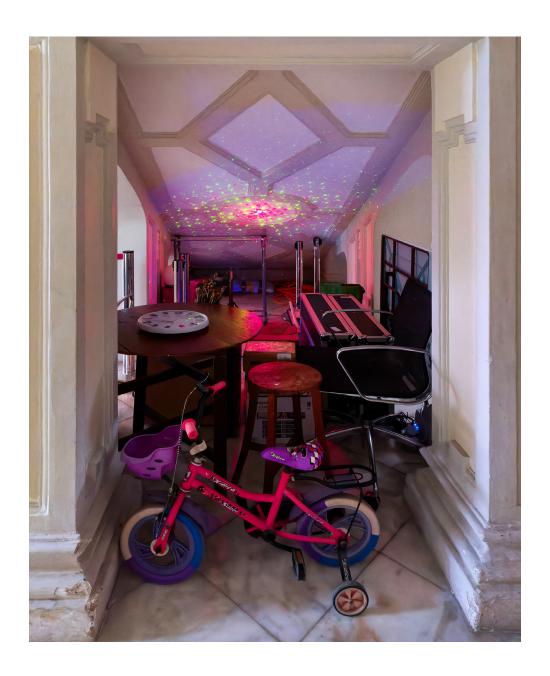




The Sea: Special Song for the Broken Hearted, 2023 Acrylic, seashells & sand on wood; perspex & wooden frame $13 \times 77 \text{ cm}$

For inquiries:





*Introvert Rhapsody, 2024*Party light projector, objects from storerooms
Site specific

For inquiries :





Grey Cloud and Crescent Moon (after Cattelan's 'Comedian'), 2024 Duct tape & acrylic on found cardboard 80 x 173 cm / site specific

For inquiries:





Hoo Fan Chon

Everyday No Parking Sculptures, 2024 Readymade no parking sculptures; on-site photo tiles installation, laserjet prints dimensions variable Edition of 3 + 1 AP

For inquiries : Blank Canvas - info@blankcanvas.my





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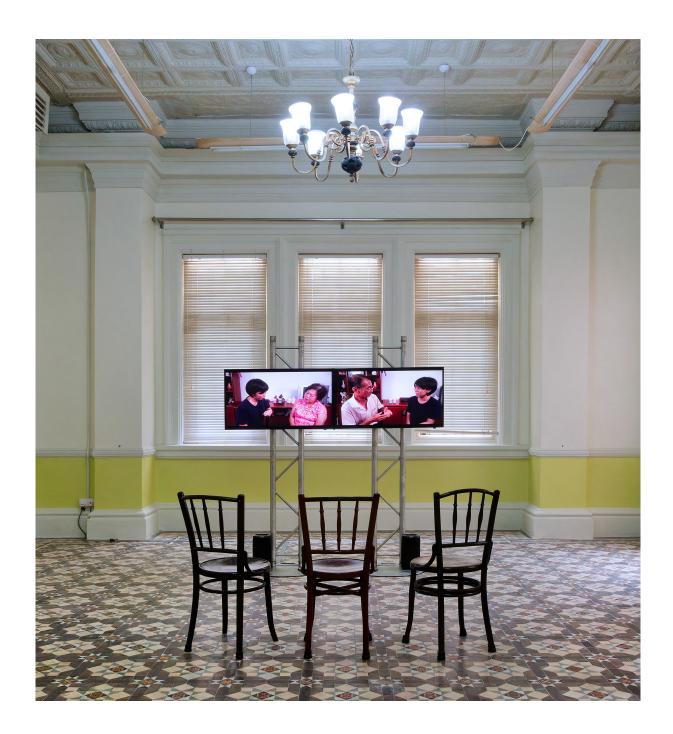


Hoo Fan Chon

Artist's impression series – Homestead (Northam Road, Penang), 2024 Watercolour and gouache on acid free paper 42 x 59.4 cm

For inquiries :





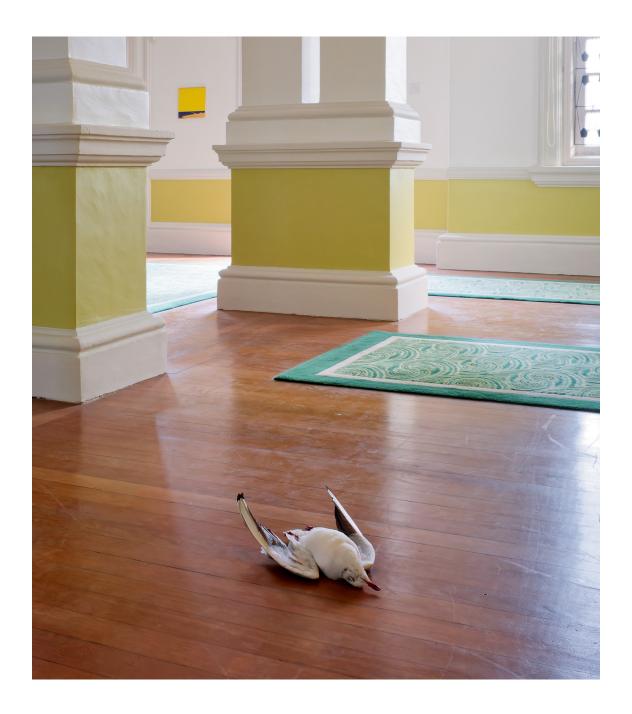
Okui Lala

Chinese Whisper, 2018
Two channel video installation,
4.51 min (5 edition)

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Alex Ayed

Untitled (Seagull), 2023 Taxidermied seagull / mouette taxidermisée $37 \times 25 \times 10~\text{cm}$

For inquiries:

Balice Hertling - gallery@balicehertling.com





Zhi Wei

Henry, 2020 Chinese ink dyed plaid, buttons, crinoline, inflatable ball, stainless steel cable and thread $120 \times 80 \text{ cm}$

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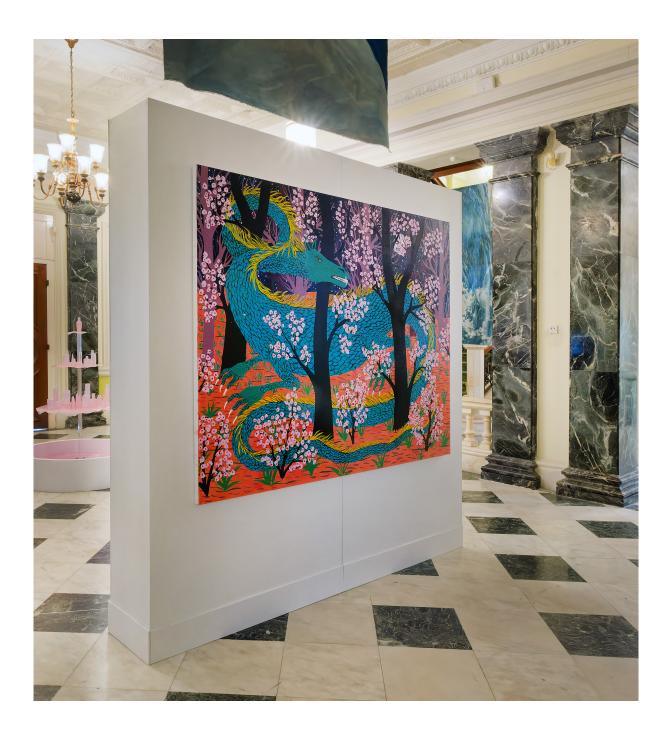


Julie Beaufils

Sans Titre, 2022 Huile sur toile / Oil on linen 30 x 30 cm

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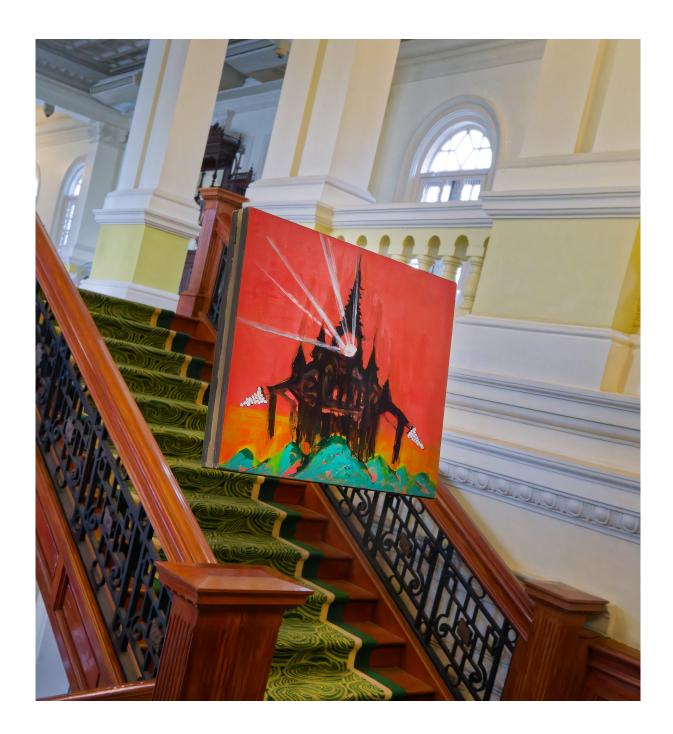
Mostafa Sarabi

Untitled, 2024 Acrylic on canvas 200 x 160 cm

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Enzo Cucchi

Untitled, 2010 Oil on wood 26 x 30 x 2 cm

For inquiries:

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Will Benedict

Apologize to the Future (Wolf Eyes Remix), 2020 HD video with sound (8:16 min)

For inquiries : Balice Hertling - gallery@balicehertling.com

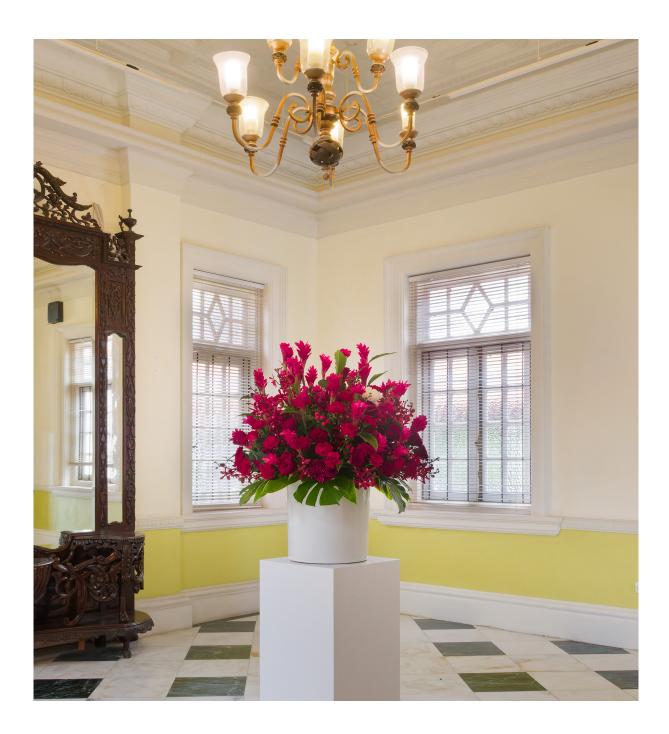




Mostafa Sarabi *Untitled, 2024* Acrylic on canvas 200 x 160 cm

For inquiries : Delgosha - delgoshagallery@gmail.com

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Willem de Rooij

Bouquet X, 2014 Flower arrangement and vase Dimensions variable

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Shabahang Tayyari

Not titled yet, 2024 Fabrics and metal structure Dimensions variable

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Shabahang Tayyari

Tiger blue red yellow, 2022 Gouache on unprimed canvas 100 x 120 cm

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Mariela Scafati

Lisa Tropical perdìo las pestañas en la arena, 2023 Clothes, rope, steel 240 x 25 x 60 cm (Left)

Interior, 2023 Clothes, rope, steel 240 x 35 x 65 cm (Middle)

Vanny, 2019 Skirt, rope, steel 80 x 45 x 45 cm (Right)

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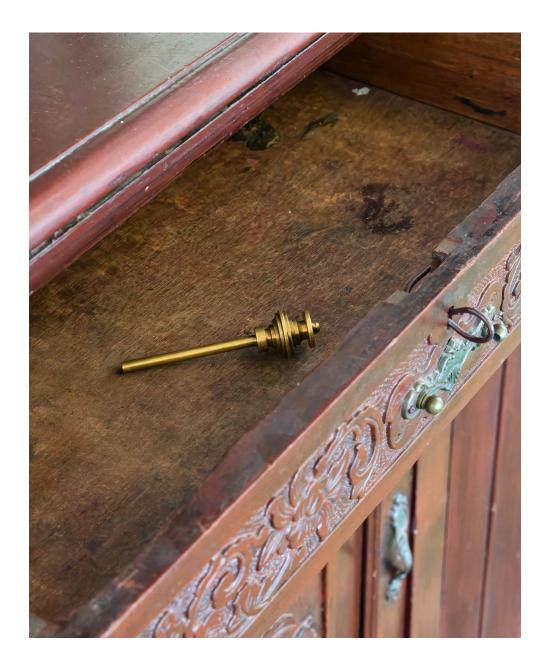
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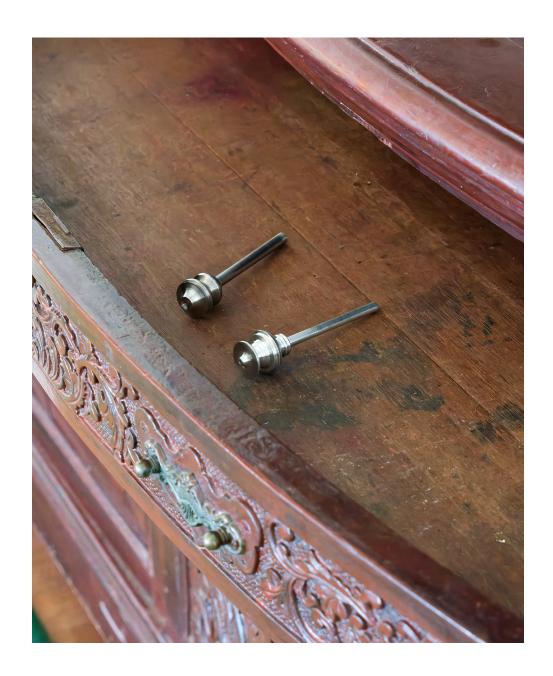


Nick Bastis *Treble, 2017 (detail)*Lathe-turned brass $10 \times 3 \times 3$ cm

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Nick Bastis

909, 2017 Lathe-turned brass 10 x 3 x 3 cm (Left)

Cent, 2014 Aluminium $10 \times 3 \times 3$ cm (Right)

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Nick Bastis

Computer 1, 2018

Found publications, metals, copper wire, coins, tubes, tape, plastic, glass $39 \times 28 \times 10$ cm (Left)

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Computer 2, 2018

Found publications, metals, copper wire, coins, tubes, tape, plastic, glass $28 \times 28 \times 6$ cm (Right)





Dana DeGiulio

My whole waking life forgot, 2022 Oil on panel 40.6 x 30.5 cm

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Dana DeGiulio

Coda coda coda coda. prick, 2021 Oil on panel $40.6 \times 30.5 \text{ cm}$

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Dana DeGiulio Soft Brain, 2020 Oil on panel 40.6 x 30.5 cm

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Jieun Lim

Untitled (Insect series), 2018 Inkjet print on photo paper 59 x 42 cm Edition 2/3 + 1 A.P.

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Jieun Lim

Untitled (Insect series), 2018 Inkjet print on photo paper 59 x 42 cm Edition 3/3 + 1 A.P.

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Jieun Lim

Dear and Dearest, 2020/2024 Inkjet print on paper 68 x 92 cm Edition 1/3 + 1 A.P.

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Body as Lifeguard Tower I, 2022 Toned cyanotype on cotton 107 x 182 cm

For inquiries:





Body as Lifeguard Tower II, 2022 Toned cyanotype on cotton 182 x 107 cm

For inquiries :





Hot Tears, Shivering Skin I, 2022 Toned cyanotype on cotton 182 x 107 cm

For inquiries:





Hot Tears, Shivering Skin II, 2022 Toned cyanotype on cotton 182 x 107 cm

For inquiries:





Hot Tears, Shivering Skin III, 2022 Toned cyanotype on cotton 182 x 107 cm





Sasaoka Yuriko

*Gyro, 2018*Single-channel video with color and sound 5 min 45 sec (Edition of 20)





Sasaoka Yuriko

Gyro: Hand Puppet Chicken, 2023 Oil pastel on linen, thread, beads, sequins $26\times26~\text{cm}$





Sasaoka Yuriko

*Gyro: Hand Puppet Tiger, 2023*Oil pastel on linen, thread, beads, sequins 26 x 26 cm



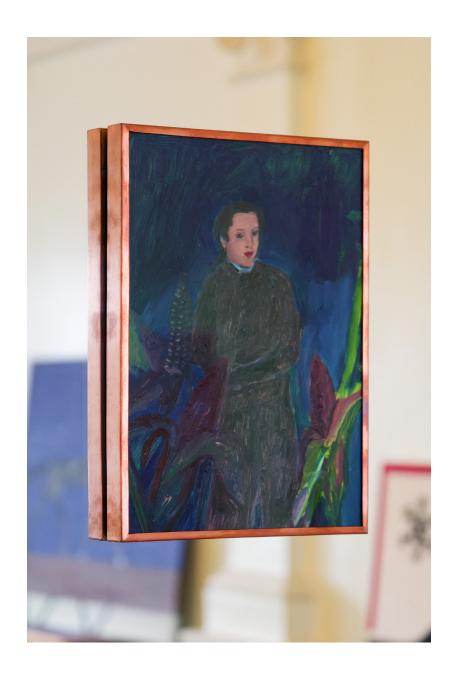


Thea Gvetadze

The House you live in, 2008-2022 Mixed media on canvas and wood 15.5 × 10.5 cm (Left) The House you live in, 2008-2022 Mixed media on canvas and wood 15.5×10.5 cm (Right)

For inquiries :





Thea Gvetadze

To Simon Machabeli 02, 2022 Oil on paper 31.5 × 23.3 cm

For inquiries:





Ketuta Alexi-Meskhishvili

Toma Qajar Eyes, 2022 Two archival pigment prints on screen film in a box frame 30.6×22.7 cm $32.5 \times 25.2 \times 4$ cm (framed) Edition 1/2 + II AP

For inquiries :





Ketuta Alexi-Meskhishvili

Pink Anthurium Pharynx, 2020 Two archival pigment prints on screen film in a box frame 30.6×22.7 cm $32.5 \times 25.2 \times 4$ cm (framed) Edition 2/2 + II AP

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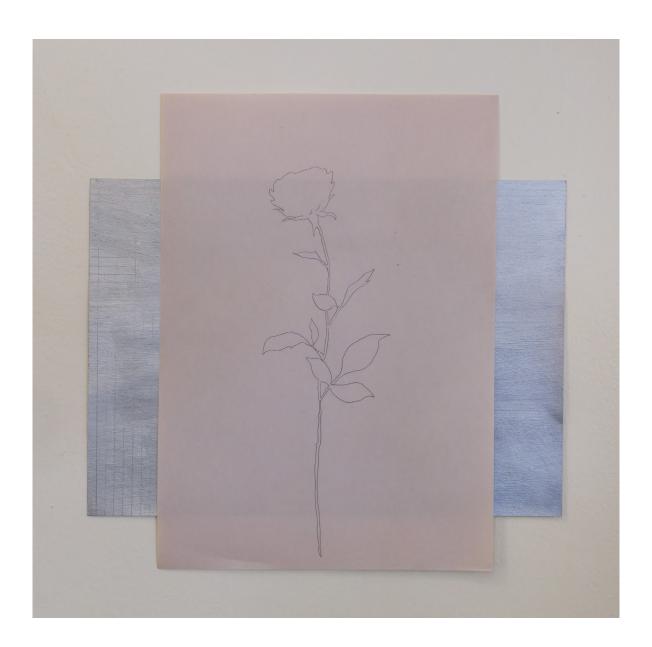
Sitara Abuzar Ghaznawi

Untitled, 2023

Acrylic paint, charcoal on paper Each 21 x 29.7 : 63 × 89.1 cm

For inquiries :



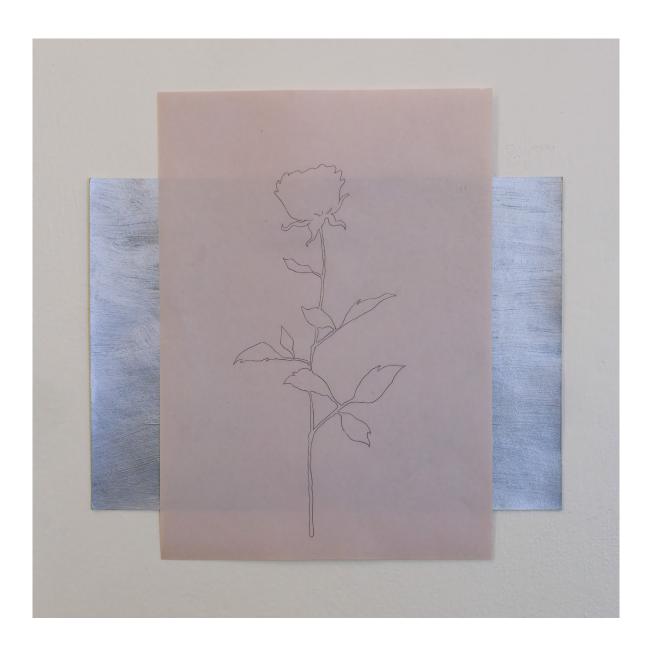


Sitara Abuzar Ghaznawi

Mourning interval #2, 2023 Acrylic & pencil on paper 29 × 29.5 cm

For inquiries :





Sitara Abuzar Ghaznawi

Mourning interval #4, 2023 Acrylic & pencil on paper 29 × 29.5 cm

For inquiries :





*Take Away, 2024*Digital collage, C-Print 21 × 29.7 cm

For inquiries :

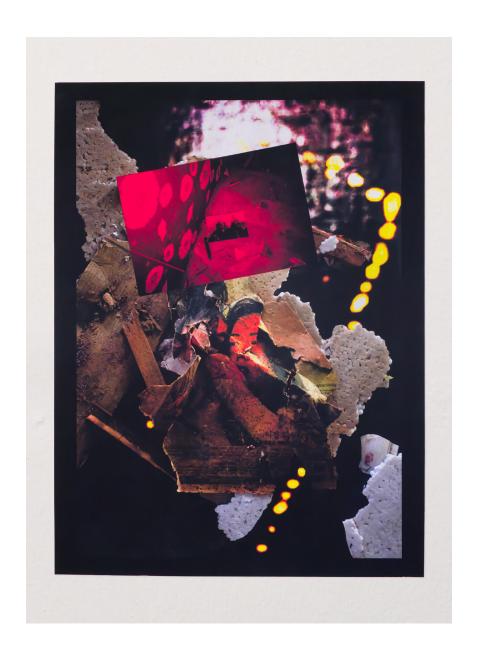




Swan Song, 2024 Digital collage, C-Print 42 × 29.7 cm

For inquiries : LC Queisser - lisa@lc-queisser.com





*Take Away, 2024*Digital collage, C-Print 31.5 × 21 cm

For inquiries :





*Untitled, 2024*Digital collage, C-Print 21 × 14.8 cm

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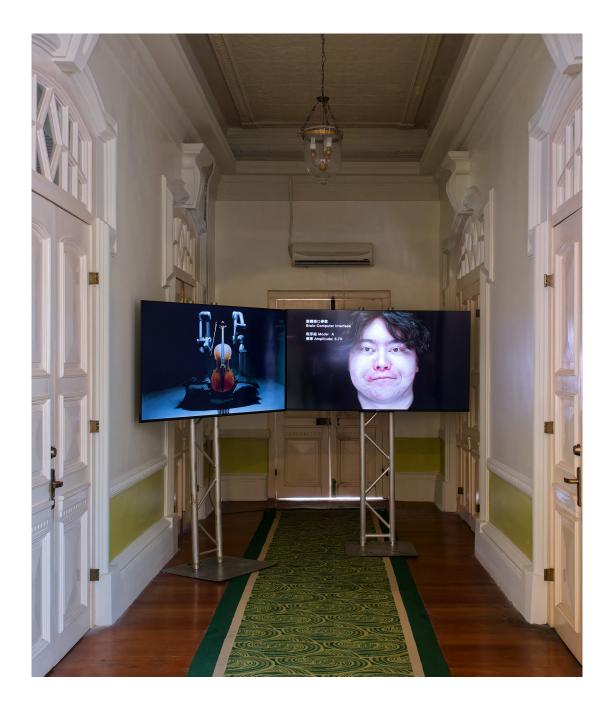




Cover me tender, 2024 Digital collage, C-Print 29.7 × 21 cm

For inquiries : LC Queisser - lisa@lc-queisser.com





Shi Liu

The Half-finished Heaven, 2024 Dual-channel video, HD video, color, sound 01:55 minutes

For inquiries : Balice Hertling - gallery@balicehertling.com





Shi Liu

*Grandpa 2024, 2024*Antique desk, writing robot, paper Variable Size

For inquiries :

Balice Hertling - gallery@balicehertling.com



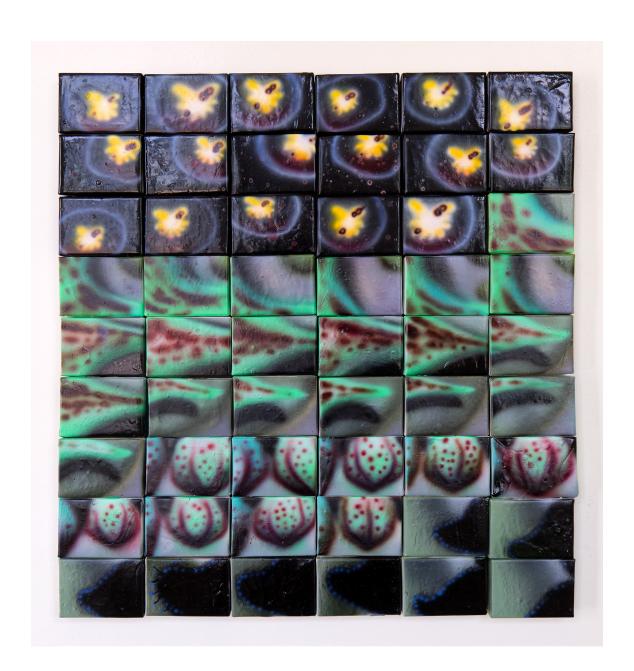


Wang Yuyu

Haustorium: Partial Dissolution, 2024
Dye bass wood, silicone, acrylic, steel
beads, agate beads,
300 x 20 x 30cm

For inquiries : Balice Hertling - gallery@balicehertling.com





Evian Wenyi Zhang

Starfish in Drought, 2024 Acrylic on canvas (54 Units) 62.2 × 64.7 × 2.5 cm

For inquiries : Balice Hertling - gallery@balicehertling.com





Wang Haining

Tomorrow Never Came, 2023

Silicone, PVC, electric pump, dyed water, sugar, milk, shampoo, shower gel, lotion, sunscreen, essential oils $160 \times 120 \times 120 \text{cm}$

For inquiries:

Balice Hertling - gallery@balicehertling.com





Tsherin Sherpa

This is not a Rorsch 100 KNOTS, 2022 Highland Tibetan Wool, Chinese Silk, Cotton Warp, and Weft 304.8 x 243.84 cm

For inquiries : Loy Gallery - info@loygallery.com





Julio Linares

Horse in the Night 1, 2023 Acrylic on Canvas 116 x 146 cm

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Loy Gallery - info@loygallery.com





Wang Xiaolin

Nocturne journal No. 7, 2021 Overgraze Porcelain Painting 30 x 30 cm (Left) Winter journal No. 7, 2021 Overgraze Porcelain Painting 30 x 30 cm (Right)

For inquiries : Loy Gallery - info@loygallery.com





Wang Xiaolin

The Suspended Space, 2019 Overgraze Porcelain Painting 50 x 50 cm (Left) Nights with you No.1, 2022 Overgraze Porcelain Painting 50 x 50 cm (Right)

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